

**Amendments to the claims:**

Please amend claims 4-5 and 7-8 and cancel claim 9. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (original) A lifting lever for a cistern flush valve, the lever including: a first end adapted for operative engagement with the cistern flush valve; a second end adapted for operative engagement with a flush actuation button; and a pivot mounting between the first and second ends, wherein the second end has first and second engagement regions which are respectively closer and farther to the pivot mounting such that initial movement of the button causes it to engage the second engagement region and pivot the lever through a first predetermined range of movement whereafter further movement of the button in the same direction causes it to engage the first engagement region and further pivot the lever.
2. (original) The lever as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first and second engagement regions are in the form of first and second external corners on the lever second end.
3. (original) The lever as claimed in claim 2, wherein the first and second corners have a straight joining surface therebetween.
4. (currently amended) The lever as claimed in claim 1,~~2 or 3~~, wherein the pivot mounting is adapted to mount the lever to a bridge forming part of, or connected to, a cistern.

5. (currently amended)      The lever as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~  
claim 1, wherein the lever is formed from a first and a second part.
6. (original)      The lever as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first and second parts include  
the first and second ends respectively.
7. (currently amended)      The lever as claimed in claim 5 ~~or 6~~, wherein the first and  
second parts are fixed together adjacent the pivot mounting.
8. (currently amended)      The lever as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~  
claim 1, wherein the button is constrained to travel along a straight path that is parallel to  
the tangent of the path of motion of the first and second engagement regions.
9. (cancel)